

Forest City Parks & Recreation
Minutes
Monday August 29th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Kathy Murphy, President call the meeting to order at promptly 7:00pm. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. After a short welcome of the those in attendance, she introduced the new Borough Council Rep, Nick Cost.

FINANCIAL REPORT/MINUTES: Deanna read the financial report account balance and asked for approval of last month's meeting minutes. Barb made a motion to accept and Mark seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Vasquez and his wife were in attendance. They inquired about the pickleball court. Mr. Vasquez said they confirmed the markings are correct but need to be refreshed. He said he would volunteer his time to assist someone on a Friday or Saturday to do this. Council Rep Nick Cost said that he didn't see that being an issue and would follow up with the borough. During this discussion it was also mentioned again about an area where equipment could be stored and locked. This had been discussed by the FCPR before and they agreed to revisit and look into some pricing.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW PLAYGROUND – Nick updated the group and said that it is due to deliver the week of 9/12/2022. Parks and Rec team walked the two possible locations and agreed the area to the right of the existing playground was the best option. This MAY require the removal of a tree limb and a grill post.

BASKETBALL COURT – Nick also mentioned that the locking mechanism on the basketball hoop was damaged. They did have it secured in the proper position, but should something happen again we will need to consider if we want to allow basketball.

BEACH AREA – Steve M. will be back to make necessary repairs after September 10th, 2022.

BRIDGE OVER SPILLWAY: Deanna did reach out to PMWI for an update but as of meeting time had not heard back. *

CHICKEN BBQ – a great turnout again. All tickets were sold. Kathy thanked our wonderful team. We are waiting on the expense report from Sharon to know exactly what our profit is.

VENDOR MARKET – the last vendor market of the season will be held on September 18th. Toys for Kids will have a table with a raffle to help raise funds for the kids of our community.

BENCHES – Tad Haney agreed to dig the holes for free for the benches that need to be installed in areas that require cementing them in the ground. Mark made a motion for this, Val seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUNK/TREAT – FCPR will host at KP on 10/29/22 from 2-4pm. All are invited to participate: businesses and residents.

Can flyers be sent with the sewer bill?

Advertise in newspaper, at local businesses, as well as on the Borough's website and our Facebook page.

POLITICAL SIGNS – Val purchased 10 blank political signs to post at various location to advertise for the vendors' market. In the past vendors have mentioned that they thought we could do more to advertise. This will also be in the FC News with a list of vendors.

2023 VENDOR MARKETS – we will continue with the Vendor Market next year as we did this year. Three. May July and September.

PLOWING AT KP – continue as we did last year. In and around the circle.

2023 SEASON MEETINGS – will be held the 4th Monday of each month

ICE SKATING AT KP – we will need to plan for plowing if necessary. Friends of Jeannie Malinowski have paid for a bench to be installed in her honor. It should be arriving soon.

PERCH FOR POND – the company that we purchased fish from in the spring said that perch should be put in the pond in the fall, preferably middle to end of October. Barb made a motion to purchase perch at a cost not to exceed \$500, Deanna seconded. Roll Call: Deanna – Y, Val – Y, Barb – Y, Mark – Y. Motion passed. Nick Cost will ask Borough Council to approve this purchase not to exceed \$500.00.

BEAR TRAP – Val has asked for this to be put on agenda earlier in the week due to the bear sightings at the park and the mess created. Kathy followed up with game commission prior to meeting. They had told her that they had already had a bear trap on Maple Avenue that was unsuccessful in securing any bear even with them baiting them, so they did not see the point in bring a trap back right now. Mark questioned whether they baited the bear.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Barb brought up the harassment that Debi Giddings had been getting. She has done so much for the community year after year and should not be dealing with that. We need to acknowledge her efforts.

Kathy discussed the tabs that were being collected for “Kisses for Aly” and said she would make time to be at the park on a given day to be a drop off spot. Others agreed.

Kathy Murphy, President thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

*Deanna received an update back from PMWI regarding the bridge over the spillway. They have been to the park, scoped the situation and took measurements. Their drawings are completed, and the bridge will be installed by the end of the September.